



# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### **\*SPECIAL MEETING\* PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA**

Monday, May 2, 2022

**7:30pm – 9:30pm**

Special Meeting (virtual)

Meeting Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3689630872?pwd=aGR4eEFySDNtMkFnbkE0aUx5OXhEQT09>

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 368 963 0872

Passcode: 790501

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

#### **II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

#### **III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission or on today's Agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public communications presented regarding topics not on the Agenda but may choose to follow up later, either later, or on a subsequent Commission Agenda.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve the commission's findings under AB 361 from February 7, 2022

#### **V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **VI. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items**

- a. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

#### **VII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, June 6, 2022, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Virtual Meeting via Zoom if determined by commission

#### **VIII. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)**

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**BEFORE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-1**

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S  
FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE  
MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF  
EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission held initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, this Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Parks and Recreation Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parks and Recreation Commission makings the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Parks and Recreation Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 7th day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 4  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:

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Department Staff

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*Katharine Minott*  
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Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved as to Form:

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